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NOTE TO THE NIOs

SUBJECT: DCI Worldwide Wrap-up Testimony

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1. Schedule. The Director is scheduled to make the following appearances:

a. SSCI: Monday, 25 February, 1400-1700

b. Senate Budget Comte: Tuesday, 26 February, 1400-1700.

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2. Backup. NIOs for USSR-EE, Strategic Programs, General Purpose Forces, Near East and South Asia should plan on accompanying the DCI each day. NIO/USSR-EE should also plan on attending the Tuesday morning (2/26) open session of the Senate Budget Committee (Kennan, Pipes testimony). Based on conversations to date with staffers of both Committees, it does not appear likely that any follow-up sessions in other areas will take place (The DCI, however, may make such an offer, though such is not now planned).

3. SSCI. The session with the SSCI is a preliminary to the DCI's testimony related to the budget which will take place on Wednesday, 27 February (which testimony will be handled by RMS). For Monday's overview, this Committee has expressed general interest in key trends likely to emerge in the next five years and the strategic significance of these developments for US interests.

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4. SBC. The session with the Budget Committee is a first. It is not only the first appearance by the DCI but also their first request for an intelligence briefing before they begin their work on the DoD budget. (Many members are on no other Committees which receive any intelligence briefings.) This Committee has provided us with a long list of questions they would like addressed. These have been answered by you and the appropriate NFAC offices (a complete set of these answers will be provided those attending as backup via the NIC mechanism). In addition, conversation with staffers has indicated a basic desire for information regarding Soviet motives, capabilities and intentions, and how they might react to various US policy positions and defense actions (e.g. deployments, new bases, increases in budgets, etc.)

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5. Approach. The basic briefing(s), as previously given, will be updated and modified to address SBC concerns. (These modifications will be made in such a way that sections addressing specific SBC questions can be skipped when talking to the SSCI, which has a much greater familiarity with intelligence information.)

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25X1 6. Action Requested. Revisions of all texts will be circulated for comment by the cognizant NIO before sending to the DCI. Attached is the revised Overview. Please review, note any changes and return by 1600 today, 20 February. 

Attachment

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